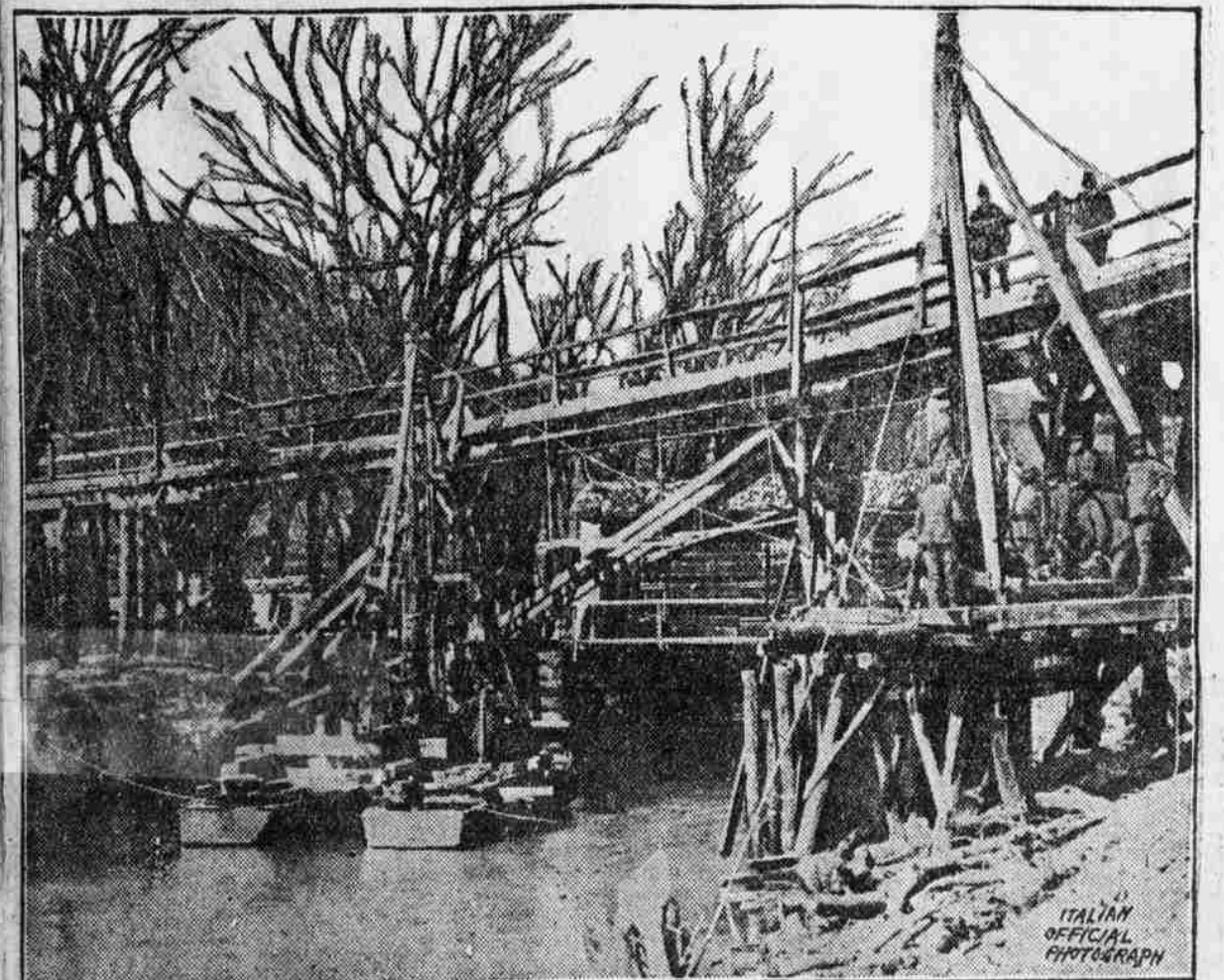


MOTHERS' HEARTS ARE HEAVY AS THEIR BOYS LEAVE FOR CAMP



Sorrow so deep and so poignant that it cannot be concealed is depicted in this mother's face as she watches her boy march away to war. The heart of his sister also is heavy as she watches her brother go by in the ranks of his regiment as it starts to the camp where it will be trained for service in France. The mothers of the country are sad, but they are bearing up bravely and holding in their emotion as best they can so that their sons who are going to fight for their country will not see their sorrow.

BRIDGE OVER THE ISONZO BUILT BY THE ITALIANS



Bridge hastily constructed over the Isonzo by Italian engineers. The Italians at the beginning of their present drive erected 14 similar structures furthering the advantages gained by their first great victories.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN WORK PAPERS FROM HOME REACH BOYS IN FRANCE



College girls from all parts of Lancashire and Cheshire volunteered to spend their holiday this year mending papers in Shropshire. They sleep under canvas and lead a camp life. The photograph shows two stalwart girls of the camp dressed in their outdoor attire, which includes smocks, puttees and breeches.

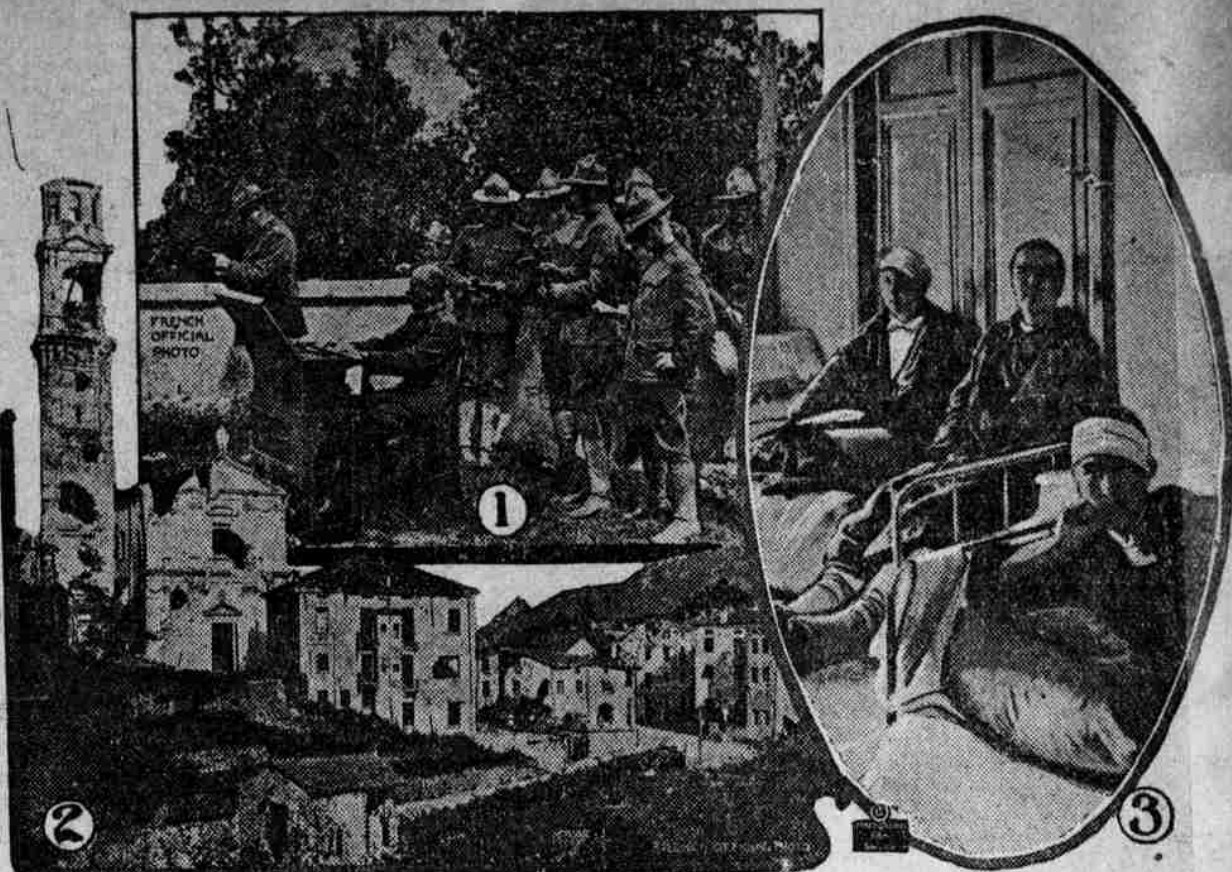


Papers from home arrive at the American training camp in France, not far behind the firing line. The arrival of mail marks a red-letter day for the American troops preparing for their term in the trenches.

SOME POSTSCRIPTS

A Swiss railroad has installed electric locomotives powerful enough to haul 340-ton trains up steep grades. An Illinois inventor's combination coat and vest has the usual fronts for those garments but only one back. A Massachusetts woman is the patentee of an easily handled mosquito net and support to be placed over beds. Paris dentists have found that sour milk cures some diseases of the mouth and gums heretofore difficult to combat.

There are ten joints in a New York inventor's table which can be folded more compactly than most such devices. A patent has been granted for men's shoes with cuffs turned down at the top to enable them to be pulled on easily. Folding vestibules for automobile doors have been invented to protect persons entering or leaving them from rain. The Dominican Republic is harvesting a record-making tobacco crop that is expected to exceed 28,750,000 pounds.



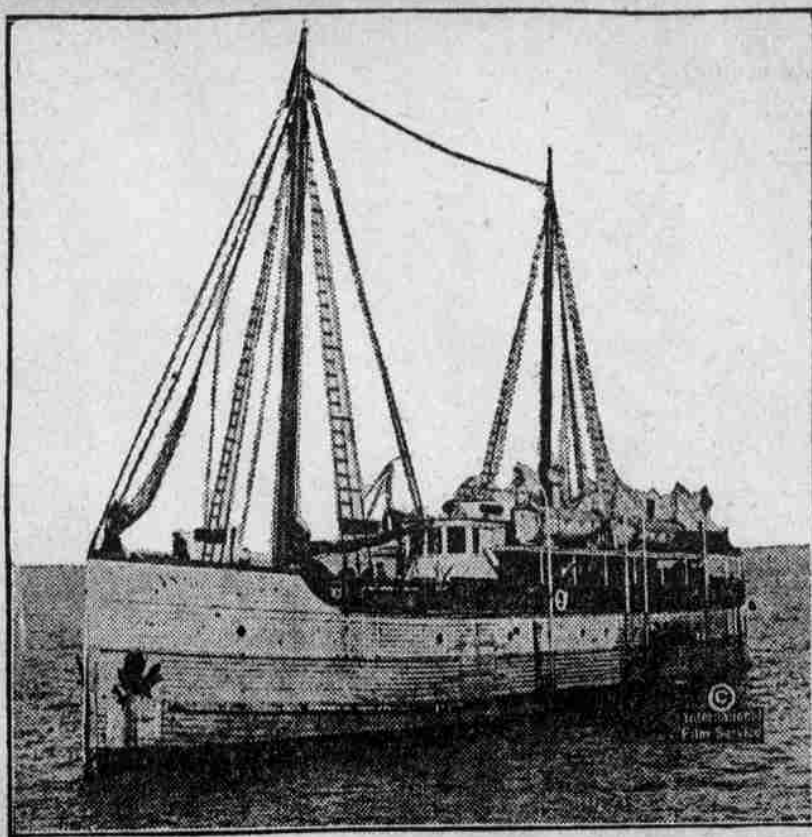
1—Soldiers of the American expeditionary force in France singing hymns at their Sunday church service. 2—The main church of Velo d' Astico, Italy, destroyed by Austrian shells. 3—First photograph of wounded members of the "Battalion of Death," the heroic organization of Russian fighting women, in a Petrograd hospital.

ASSEMBLED IN DUBLIN TO SETTLE THE DESTINY OF IRELAND



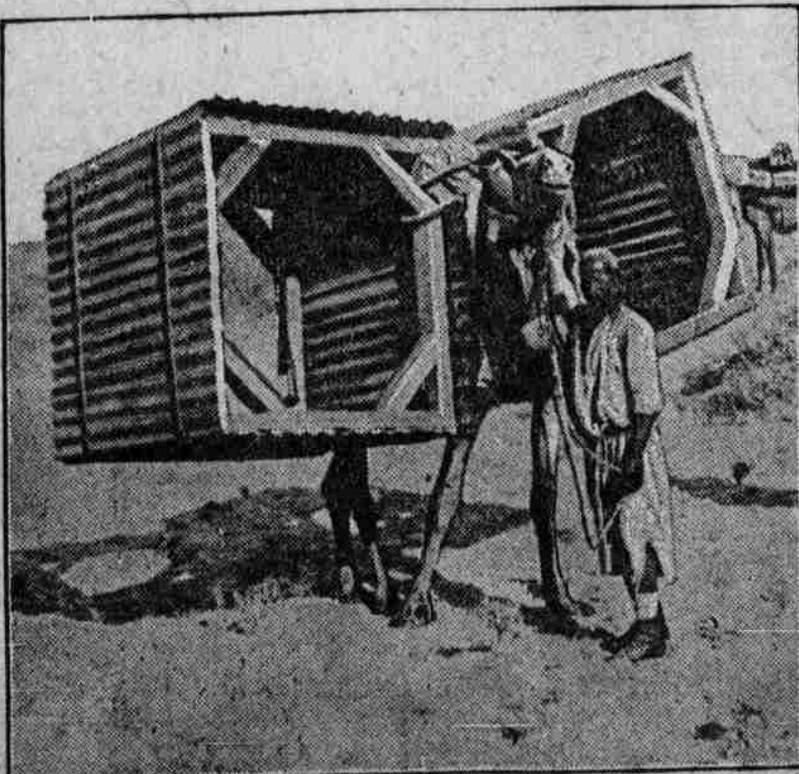
Group taken at Trinity college, Dublin, Ireland, at the fifth meeting of the Irish convention. At the meeting the chairmanship was taken by Sir Horace Plunkett, who is shown seated in center of first row, eighth from the extreme left. These are the men who are trying to solve the problem of government in Ireland so as to satisfy all.

VESSEL THAT CARRIED ALLEGED SLACKERS



This is the vessel that was overhauled and boarded off lower California, and from which two alleged draft riot leaders and seven "slacker" suspects were taken and locked up in San Diego.

"WATER WAGON" A LOAD FOR CAMELS



Camel belonging to British troops operating on the Palestine front carrying water-tank linings out of action. The water problem is one of the most serious of those that confront the British in that field of conflict.

MASS AT ALTAR OF SNOW



In the shadow of the lofty mountains of the Carso at this impressive white altar of snow a priest is celebrating a military mass. His congregation is made up of Italian soldiers, who are battling in the snow-clad mountains to wrest lands peopled by Italians from the dominion of the Austrians. A broad ray of the sun was shot down through the snow-covered mountain peaks and has beautifully illuminated the altar in front of which the priest is praying.

War Weddings Decline in Glasgow. War weddings are on the decline, if one is to accept the figures regarding irregular marriages in Glasgow as conclusive. In 1915 all records were broken, the number of couples whose weddings were legalized by the sheriff exceeding anything hitherto known. Last year there was a drop, though the total for the year was still considerable, and far in advance of normal times. The present year shows a further decrease. One day, for instance, there were 32 civil marriages in the county buildings, bringing the total for the year so far to 1,440. At the same date last year the total was 1,760.

Good-by Leather Shoes.

The leather shoe is becoming so expensive that it will soon be out of the reach of all but the rich; therefore, according to Andrew H. King, writing in Metallurgical and Chemical Engineering, its place is to be taken by shoes with soles of rubber and uppers of canvas. The properly made rubber sole, into which ground cotton waste and leather dust are incorporated, will wear two or three leather soles and will not slip on wet pavement.

Matches Scarce in England.

A grave allegation of profiteering in matches at the expense of the public, according to the London Chronicle, was made against wholesalers and retailers by an official of a match factory recently. He explained that the chief causes of the present shortage were the stoppage of the importation of foreign supplies and the requirements of the army.